Cummulative losses of the State Electricity Boards

1356. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total cummulative losses of the State Electricity Boards on the 31st March, 1987 increased by about Rs. 1100 crore on what they were on 31st March, 1985;

(b) what has been the cummulative loss on the 31st March, 1988 and how much is the increase/decrease in comparison to last year's; and

(c) what has been the recent State-wise performance of the State Electricity Boards as regards delays in projects implementation and their increasing costs, low plant load-factor, transmission and distribution losses, levels of consumption of coal and oil, excessive auxiliary consumption, over-staffing, surplus inventory, industrial relations and lack of financial discipline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to available information, the cummulative deficit of State Electricity Boards, after taking into account rural electrification subsidies reflected in the accounts of the Boards, is given below:—

(*Rs. In crores*)

As on	Cummulative deficit	
	Without capitalisation of interest during construction	With capitalisation of interest during construction
31-3-1985	1647.8	....
31-3-85 (Prov.)	2748.4	1943 4
31-3-1988 (Prov.)	3452.5	1716 2

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilising Non-Conventional Energy in North Eastern States

1257. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programmes have been chalked out by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for using solar energy, bio-pass base energy and wind energy in the North-Eastern States; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) A comprehensive programme for using solar energy, bio-pass based energy and wind energy is being implemented by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in association with the State Governments throughout the country including North-Eastern States. In the North-Eastern States under various prog-

rammes of the Department, 9 solar water heating systems; 162 solar photovoltaic water pumping systems, solar photovoltaic street lights for 49 villages, 10 solar photovoltaic community lighting/TV systems, 20 solar photovoltaic domestic lighting units, a small solar photovoltaic power plant about 3.5 KW capacity; one sterling engine system of 5 HP based on bio-mass; 5 wind pumps or battery charger of 300 watts units capacity, four 20 KW wind electric generators, 4300 family-size biogas plants and 27,000 improved smokeless chulhas have already been installed.

Monitoring the prices of Medicines

1358. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the measures announced in 1986 his Ministry has to set up a monitoring cell to Monitor the prices of price decontrolled medicines;

(b) if so, whether cell has been set up;

(c) whether it is a fact that prices of 95 per cent medicines which have been price decontrolled have gone up by 25 per cent; and

(d) the names of antibiotics Cough Syrups, Single Ingredient Vitamin branded formulations, Analgesic formulations, Anti-diabetic, Anti-Bacterial preparations, Anti-Allergics and Anti- histaminics preparations where prices have gone up along with the details of price of each before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 present price and percentage change in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, manufacturers of decontrolled formulations are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and intervenes, wherever found necessary.

(d) The required details are quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and effort required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Production of non-scheduled bulk drugs

1359. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 69 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-scheduled bulk drugs for which prices have been increased are being produced by more than one unit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain producers of some drug have increased the prices and others have not;

(d) the names of the producers who have increased the prices alongwith the percentage increase in each case after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(d) the names of bulk drugs the prices of which have been increased for which his Ministry is monitoring the production alongwith the name and production of concerned unit during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) the names of other units which are producing these drugs along with their present prices and production during the last three years year-wise;